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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Dear Ms. Dortch,

As the Commission reviews and resolves the public interest obligations for digital broadcasters this year, the Benton Foundation wishes to share its recent publication, *Citizen's Guide to the Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television* for its consideration.

We have electronically submitted a PDF of this publication ex parte to MM Docket No. 99-360, but we believe it is also relevant to the following dockets:

- Children's Television Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters (MM Docket No. 00-167, FCC 00-344, FCC 04-221)
- Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements for Television Broadcast Licensee Public Interest Obligations (MM Docket No. 00-168)
- Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion To Digital Television (MB Docket No. 03-15 RM-9832)
- Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals (CS Docket 98-120, FCC 05-27)
- Review of the Emergency Alert System (EB Docket No. 04-296)

In addition, we are sharing a copy of the publication with Commissioners Adelstein and Copps.

Thank you for your help in providing FCC Commissioners and staff access to the publication in their deliberations.

Sincerely,

Karen Menichelli
Executive Vice President

